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Kilauea eruption

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Volcanic activity is episodic, with eruptions separated by pauses lasting several days or more. Eruption can be as short as a few hours. Check webcams and USGS volcano update for current conditions before visiting. Stay safe and follow all regulations.

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Construction Closures and Delays

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Expect closures and delays at the summit of Kilauea due to a two-year construction project to repair or remove damaged buildings and infrastructure.

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Kilauea Visitor Center (KVC) Closed for Extensive Renovation

The Welcome Center is now open at Kilauea Military Camp while the Kilauea Visitor Center undergoes renovations. Park rangers and the Hawai'i Pacific Parks Association park store are available from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

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Red Hill Cabin reopens

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A hiker outside Red Hill Cabin
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HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, Hawai'i – Mauna Loa Trail has reopened from the trailhead near Mauna Loa Lookout to Pu'u'ula'ula (Red Hill) in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Red Hill Cabin is now open.

Mauna Loa Trail and the backcountry wilderness above Red Hill Cabin remain closed due to hazards from the eruption which started November 27, 2022 and ended December 10, 2022.

Although USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory downgraded the status of the world's most massive volcano to Green/Normal last week, serious hazards remain in closed areas particularly near recent flows and vents, including:

- Above Pu'u'ula'ula, significant sections of trail and trail markers are covered in new lava, increasing the risk of getting lost
- Thin layers of solidified lava can collapse if walked on causing lacerations or injury by falling into a cavity
- Closed areas are in a remote, high-elevation location that often has poor weather and visibility, increasing the risk of getting lost and delayed response time by first responders
- Localized pockets of volcanic gas and particles may remain and present a danger to everyone. Face masks do not protect against gas or particles

The steep, 7.5-mile (12.1 km) hike from Mauna Lookout to Red Hill Cabin at the 10,035-ft (3,059 m) elevation is not for everyone. Know your limits. Overnight use of Red Hill Cabin requires a backcountry permit. For more information, visit the park [website](#).

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